

A Publication of News and Events

No pessimist ever discovered the secrets of the stars, or sailed to an uncharted land, or opened a new heaven to the human spirit.

Helen Keller

It is every man's obligation to put back into the world at least the equivalent of what he takes out of it.

Albert Einstein

Tomorrow is the most important thing in life. Comes into us at midnight very clean. It's perfect when it arrives and it puts itself in our hands. It hopes we've learned something from yesterday.

John Wayne

**FUN FIRSTS
OF THE 20th
CENTURY:**



First Eskimo Pie ~ January 24, 1922

NEWS FROM TOWN HALL

Town Meetings and Planning Commission Meetings are open to the public. Citizens are encouraged to attend to be informed and give input. Meeting agendas are posted outside Town Hall every Friday, and items are added as requested (which can be as late as Wednesday morning) and re-posted with each change. An early agenda is posted on the Town website, but may not always include the latest changes. Stop by the Town Hall on Wednesday evenings and learn first-hand about the many happenings in our town. For more information, call the Town Clerk at 410.476.3170.

- Town Meetings are held the first Wednesday of every month at 7:30 pm

- Planning Commission Meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm
- Public Hearings, Public Workshops, Special Appeals Hearings, etc. are scheduled as needed, and are often held prior to regular meetings shown above



Trappe East Developer's Rights & Responsibilities Agreement (DRRA)

The DRRA, including the most current maps, drawings, studies, etc., was formally introduced to the Town Council at the December 7th Town Meeting to begin the process of final acceptance of the document. The Town Council introduced **Ordinance 8-2005**, approving

and adopting a development rights and responsibility agreement (DRRA) for the property and **Ordinance 9-2005**, establishing a planned neighborhood (PN) zoning district and approving a planned unit development (PUD) plan for phases 1A, 1B and 1C. The planned design of the development includes mixed housing types in distinct neighborhoods surrounded by a significant greenbelt and accented by greenways, such as those shown in this rendering, throughout the community.



A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD JANUARY 4, 2006 AT 7:00 P.M IN THE TOWN HALL.

The DRRA is available for public review at the Town Office.

Castle Racket Update Amended plans for the Castle Racket project, located at Old Trappe Road (Md. Rt. 565) and White Marsh Road, were presented to the Town Council. These plans propose 498 units, consisting of 397 single family dwellings, 75 town homes, and 26 two-family cottages. A wider collector road will be completed in Phase 1 of the project, with smaller neighborhood streets, residential lanes, and pedestrian walkways to follow. The community will feature a 4 to 5-acre lake and

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community park, as well as various green space areas. A traffic circle would be installed at the problematic intersection at the approach to White Marsh Elementary School. The developer will continue to work on issues of adequate public facilities and then proceed to negotiating terms of the DRRA for this development.

The Planning Commission reviewed plans submitted by St. Paul's Episcopal Church for the demolition and construction of a new parsonage on Main Street at the December 21st meeting. Members and citizens are torn between refurbishing the old structure and building a new modular home in its place. The Church spokesman stated that the prevailing vote to build new is based on the cost restraints of the Church. The building is located in the Village Overlay District, and for this reason the commission made some request of the presenter to make some additions to the building that would make it more compatible with



**ANNOUNCING
THE WINNERS OF
THE 1ST ANNUAL
PHOTO CONTEST**
Sponsored by *THE INDEX*

FIRST PLACE: JUNE WINNER ~

Submitted by: Charles Adams

In August 1966, Cynthia Groves was the first TVFD Miss Trappe. She went on to become Miss Maryland in the Miss Delmarva Contest in October of that year.



~ SECOND PLACE: FEBRUARY WINNER

Submitted by Mary Crosswell Diefenderfer Edgar Harrison sitting on a horse named Nakoma alongside Mary Crosswell. The year? 1959.



THIRD PLACE:

OCTOBER WINNER ~

Submitted by: Barbara Coleman
Barbara ("Leader B") Coleman
on a Girl Scout field trip to
Trappe Volunteer Fire Department. Although firefighting remains a male-dominated activity, more and more women are entering the field. Girls may volunteer starting at age 11 and can begin riding equipment at 16.



Do you have a great photograph of a favorite scene, event, or person (past or present) in Trappe? If so, be sure to enter it in our Annual Photo Contest. Each month, we will share the entries with our readers. At the end of the year a winner will be announced. Entries may be emailed to trappeindex@verizon.net or dropped off at the Town Office.

Disclaimer: In submitting a photo entry, you grant *The Index* the right to use the image in Town publications. Winning photographs will be published in *The Index* and may be displayed on Town Web site. Entrants are responsible for obtaining photo-release permission from subjects shown in submitted photographs, including the permission of parents for children under age 18.



NEWS FROM ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH 3936 Main Street

ENTER THE HOUSE OF THE LORD, WITH STYLE . . . The handcrafted entry door of St. Paul's church is now more lovely than ever. The fine refurbishing of the original front doors to St. Paul's was made possible by a gift from Mark and Alice Bower in celebration of the 50th anniversary of Jessie and Cecil Browne.

JOIN THE PAINTING GROUP . . . A group of painters and would-be painters meets each Friday in the Parish Hall to enjoy painting, lunch, and conversation. If you would like to join in, contact Mary Getsinger at 410.476.3035.

SUNDAY SCHOOL OUTREACH PROJECT . . . The St. Paul's Sunday School is sponsoring a project to provide a goat or other sustainable livestock to a village in Africa. For more information, or to make a donation, please contact Rev. Gleason at 410.476.3048 or esgleason@aol.com.

PRESCHOOL NEWS . . . St. Paul's Preschool has three openings for 2006. This is a state-approved program for three and four year olds. Come join us for a fun-filled learning experience and an introduction to school before pre-K or kindergarten. Watch for more news about the Open House for the 2006-2007 year, coming up in February. For more information, please contact Director, Laurie Hemming at 410.476.4465.

Preschool children collected toys and small gifts for a shoebox sent to children in a school in Mississippi for the Christmas holiday. The preschool children presented the basket of toys to Rev. Dr. Ted Gleason, Rector of St. Paul's Church. Pictured (left to right) are Lori Hemming (Preschool Director), Sean Greenhawk, Brian Purnell, Jaden Wheeler, Rev. Gleason, Logan Insley, Kasey Mull, and Matthew Paul.

photograph courtesy of St. Paul's Preschool



Barry Sparks, author of *Frank "Home Run" Baker: Hall of Famer and World Series Hero*

(McFarland Publishers, 2006) signed copies of his book at the Country Church Breakfast on December 10th. Sparks says he spent 9 years working on the book and 30 years thinking about it. The book signing was sponsored by Friends of Home Run Baker Park. Commemorative bricks to be installed at the flagpole area of the park are still being sold to help expand and maintain the facility. For more information, contact Nancy Dunn at 410.476.3274.



ATTENTION HISTORICAL RENOVATORS, BUILDERS & BASEBALL FANS: The 100-year-old front door from the original Frank "Home Run" Baker house at 3881 Main Street is currently for sale. Frosted glass sidelights and transom, still in place. If interested please stop by and make an offer or call Sandy Tompson at 410.253.8519.



NEWS FROM MITCHUM'S MARKET EXPANDED HOURS & NEW DINNER MENU

Main Street & Maple Avenue, Downtown Trappe
Now Open Monday thru Saturday 7:30 AM TO 7:30 PM
& Sunday 10 A.M. TO 4 P.M.
Phone 410-476-3330

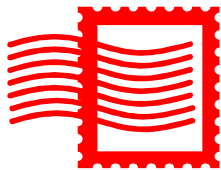
**Bring this coupon in for 1 Cup of Soup
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**Our soups are homemade and wholesome,
not to mention delicious.**

NEWS FROM OUR POSTMASTER

Happy New Year! Trappe

The Post Office will be implementing a new postage rate effective Jan 8, 2006; below is a quick list of some of the new rates:



1st class postage \$.39
2nd oz \$.24
Post cards \$.24
Priority Mail \$ 4.05
Express Mail \$ 14.40

PO Box Fees small \$28.00 annually
 med 46.00 annually
 large 72.00 annually

Caller Service: mail picked up at the lobby window on a regular basis \$434.00

Customers who's rent is due in Jan please make payment prior to Jan 8 to avoid the new rate.

Daphne A. Garner, Postmaster, 410-476-3478



CBF Offers VoiCeS Adult Education/Volunteer Training

The Chesapeake Bay Foundation is sponsoring VoiCeS (Volunteers as Chesapeake Stewards), a new education/volunteer training program for adults interested in developing skills to help save the Bay. In this intensive 8 week course of study, featuring professionally taught classes, field trips, and participant led community projects, you'll learn about the Bay's biology, issues we face, and how you and your community can help bring back the Bay. Successful VoiCeS graduates receive CBF's designation as Chesapeake Stewards. Classes will be offered in Cambridge, Salisbury, and Annapolis. The Cambridge Class will be held *Saturdays, January 21 - March 11*, 9:30-12:30 p.m. (All day Field Trip Feb. 4). The program is offered free in exchange for volunteer service, but **registration is required**. To register or for more information, contact: Margaret Vivian in the Salisbury office at 410-543-1999 ext. 502 or mvivian@cbf.org or visit www.cbf.org/events

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WINTER IS HERE AND THAT MEANS HIGHER ENERGY BILLS

Simple energy saving tips to help you reduce your energy consumption and save:

- Turn down your thermostat from 72°F to 68°F for 8 hours a day and you'll save as much as 10% on energy costs. Every degree you lower your thermostat could save you about 3% on your heating bill.
- Winterize windows with weather stripping (for all moveable joints) and caulk (for non-moving parts). Also, install a window kit to the inside of your windows to help keep cold air out and warm air in.
- Change filters once a month. A well-maintained heating system can save money and increase the comfort level in your home.
- When you cozy up to a crackling fire on a cold winter day, you may be losing more heat than you are generating if your fireplace is not airtight.
- Inspect ductwork for any air leakage. If you do feel air leaking at joints, use silver metal duct tape to seal them. You could save up to 10% of your heating costs by eliminating those leaks.



Source: Delmarva Power, www.delmarva.com



GIRL SCOUT NEWS . . .

Cookie sales begin
January 14th.

For more information, contact Barbara Coleman at 410.476.3128 or barbarajohn@verizon.net.

You know you're living in 2006 when:

- You have 15 phone numbers for your family of three
- Using real money, instead of plastic, is a hassle
- You tried to enter your password on your microwave
- You get up in the morning and go online before coffee
- You're reading this and nodding and laughing
- Even worse, you know exactly where you'll forward it . . .



News from Town Clerk:

- * **The Town Office will be CLOSED Monday January 2nd for New Years and January 16th for Martin Luther King day.**
- * **SPECIAL TRASH PICKUP—INCLUDING CHRISTMAS TREES: will be Friday, January 27th**
- * The Town recommends that residents take advantage of the recycle drop offs located by the Trappe Fire House and Shore Stop. Recycling glassware, cans, newspapers, plastic items, and mixed paper (junk mail!) reduces the cost of trash collections, keeping down our tax rate.
- * **Winter weather is on its way. Please remember to clear your sidewalk with in 24 hours of snowfall and keep your water meters cleared so we can bill on time.**



*Thank you to all our
Town Angels...*

*Donations of Lighted Christmas Ornament were made by
the following people in honor of loved ones:*

- Angel In Memory of Shelby Moore.....Donated by P. E. Moore & Sons
Snowflake In Memory of William Moore.....Donated by Paul Moore
Snowflake in Memory of John Moore.....Donated by Paul Moore
Angel In Memory Tom Mullins.....Donated by Mullins Family
Angel In Memory of Gladys Quidas.....Donated by the Quidas Family
Snowflake In Memory of Clifford S. Asmussen...Donated by Asmussem Family
Snowflake In Memory of Betty Callahan.....Donated by Steve Callahan
Angel In Memory of Margaret Stevens, Helen Harrison & Butch Knauer
Donated by Margaret & Don English
Angel In Memory of Harry Milligan & Alan Wyatt
Donated by Shari & Mike Wyatt, Jean Milligan Weaver
and Don & Margaret English
Angel In Honor & Memory of their Neighbors
Donated by the Dorbin Family

FOR SALE TRAPPE POTTERY :

All proceeds benefit the Town of Trappe Christmas Decoration Fund. Beautiful, custom made ceramic pottery pieces of all kinds ~ Ovenproof, Microwavable, and Dishwasher-safe ~ Many pieces to choose from ~ including commemorative designs for Town churches

The perfect item for that last minute gift

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Congratulations to all the winners in the Town Office raffle and thanks to Steve Callahan for the wonderful hand crafted items.

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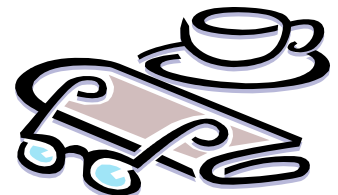
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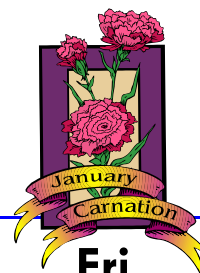
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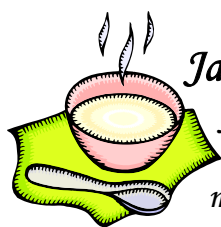
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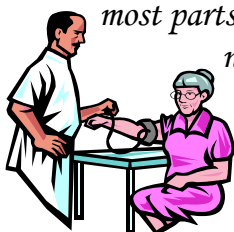
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1 	2 TCP Schools Closed Town Office Closed Hanukkah Ends	3 TCPS Re-Open SUMC 6:00 pm Men's Bible Study TUMC Bible Study Every Tuesday - 7pm EHS 7pm Band Boosters	4 Trappe Town Council Meeting Public Hearing 7 pm Trappe East DRRM Meeting 7:30 pm WMES PTO Mtg 7 pm	5 Brownie & Jr GS Mtg at WMES 4 pm TUMC Youth Choir now at 5:45 on Thurs AA 6:30 pm St. Paul's	6 St Paul's 9:30 am Painters & Lunch SUMC 5 pm - 7 pm Soup Kitchen WMES Drop-In Basketball 6:15 pm	7 EMS Saturday School 8am - 11 am TVFD Monthly Alert Siren Test
8 Bible Study Hosted By Drake & Elizabeth 29299 Maple Ave 1 pm Every Tuesday All are welcome!!	9 EHS All Day MD HAS Testing Mon, Wed Thur & Fri EHS SOS 7 pm	10 WMES 10 am Grandparents Club Mtg TCC Mtg 1:30 pm Daisy GS Mtg WMES 6:30 pm TVFD Meeting 7:30 pm	11 MD HAS Testing Lions Club 6:30 pm MidShore Rep Wmn 7 pm Unit Meth Women 7 pm	12 MD HAS Testing EMS 7:30 am Parent Coffee AA 6:30 pm St. Paul's	13 MD HAS Testing St Paul's 9:30 am Painters & Lunch SUMC Soup 5pm-7pm WMES Drop-in Basketball 6:15 pm	14 Girl Scout Cookie Sale Starts Trappe UMC 7:30-10:00 am Country Church Breakfast / Yard Sale
Emmanuel Wesleyan Sunday School 9:00 am Service 10:30 am Fellowship 5:15 pm Eve Service 6 pm Scott's UMC Sunday Service 9 am Oct 16 Men's Revival St Paul's Holy Eucharist 9 am Sunday School 9 am Oct 9 -Dedication of Preschool and Lunch Trappe UMC Sunday School 9:45 am Service 11 am Fellowship 12 pm Faith Chapel Service 8:45 am Sunday School 9:45	16 Martin Luther Kings Birthday TCP Schools Closed Town Office Closed	17 EHS All Day MD HAS Testing TCC Mtg 1:30 pm SUMC 7:30 pm Men's Bible Study	18 Trappe Planning Commission 7:30 pm TCPS Board Mtg EHS Cafe 7 PM	19 Brownie & Jr GS Mtg at WMES 4 pm AA 6:30 pm St. Paul's EHS After Graduation Party Mtg 7 PM	20 St Paul's 9:30 am Painters & Lunch SUMC 5 pm - 7 pm Soup Kitchen WMES Drop-In Basketball 6:15 pm	21 EHS All Shore Band Audition EHS SAT Exams 8 am EMS Saturday School 8 am - 11 am
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	30	31 Talbot County Council Meetings Are held on Tuesdays - Times and Agendas : www.talbgov.org	Trappe Index SUBMISSION DEADLINE January 23 2006 Trappein-dex@verizon.net or 410-476-3910	School Programs St. Paul's Pre-School 8:45 - 11:45 am Tue, Wed & Thur EHS Guidance Evening Hours Mon 3-6 pm Scotts United Methodist After-school Program 3:30 pm Mon-Fri White Marsh Elementary Homework Club 3:30 pm Mon-Fri EHS Guidance Evening Hours Mon 3-6 pm	Local Church/Bible Study/Programs Trappe United Methodist Church Tuesday 7 pm Evening Bible Study Wednesday Martha's Closet Yard Sale Open 8:30 am - Noon Wednesday 6:30 pm Worship/Communion Wednesday 7:15 pm Evening Bible Study 1st, 2nd, 4th Thursday : 5:45 pm Youth Choir 7 pm Adult Choir practice Scotts United Methodist Church Wednesdays 11 am Young @ Heart Wednesdays 2 pm Midday Study Wednesdays 7 pm Evening Study Thursday 5:30 pm Youth Praise Dept.	



January has been a month of fresh starts since the Romans made it their first month more than 2,000 years ago. The name "January" comes



from Janus, the Roman god of beginnings. With two faces (or sometimes four), he could look forward and backward at the same time. The Anglo-Saxons called it "Wolf-month," supposedly because it was the time of greatest threat from hungry wolves. According to the National Weather Service, in most parts of the USA, it's usually the year's coldest month. In fact, the nation's lowest recorded temperature was 80 degrees below zero on Jan. 23, 1971, north of the Arctic Circle at Prospect Creek Camp, Alaska. January's birthstone is the garnet. And in case you didn't know, it's National Blood Donor, Hobby, Hot Tea, Oatmeal, and Soup Month.



Scott's UMC Soup Kitchen is **OPEN**
 Fridays 5 pm to 7 pm